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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Molly Immen and I'm here today representing Montana Audubon.

Many of our members hunt, fish, and recreate on Montana's streams and rivers. SB 78 provides certainty for recreationists, counties, and landowners by clarifying how public access at bridges on county roads must be done when adjoining landowners need to construct a fence in the public right of way to control livestock, thereby reducing the potential for litigation. This bill provides a clear, common-sense approach to this issue—with built-in ways to resolve individual conflicts.